

## **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SERVICES STAFF REPORT**

**For Planning Commission Meeting of January 3, 2013**

**SUBJECT: Distribution of Draft Master Plan Amendment: South State Street Corridor Plan**

### **PROPOSED CITY PLANNING COMMISSION MOTION**

The Ann Arbor City Planning Commission hereby recommends that the Mayor and City Council authorize distribution of the draft Master Plan Amendment: South State Street Corridor Plan to adjoining jurisdictions and stakeholders in accordance with the Michigan Municipal Planning Act (PA-33 of 2008) and Chapter 8 of the Ann Arbor Code of Ordinances.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the Planning Commission **approve** the motion requesting that the Mayor and City Council authorize distribution of the draft Master Plan Amendment: South State Street Corridor Plan for review and comment to adjoining jurisdictions and stakeholders, as required by state law, and to the general public.

### **STAFF REPORT**

At its annual retreat in 2010, the City Planning Commission identified the South State Street corridor, between Stimson and Ellsworth, as a high priority master plan update. The Commission subsequently added this effort to its work program. In Spring 2011, Planning staff worked with the Planning Commission's Master Plan Revisions Committee to develop a scope for the project. Over the past year, Planning staff has conducted an extensive public outreach effort, which included 30+ stakeholder interviews and two public meetings. A draft plan was developed as a result of this input and is now available for review.

One of the first steps in a master plan amendment process is City Council's authorization to distribute the proposed amendment for public comment. The State Planning Enabling Act requires that a municipality must distribute the document to adjoining jurisdictions and other stakeholders to provide the opportunity for comment. Once the draft amendment has been distributed, adjoining jurisdictions and stakeholders have 42 days in which to submit their comments.

Attached is the draft South State Street Corridor Plan. The City Planning Commission will have an opportunity to discuss the content of the plan at greater length after comments have been received from adjoining jurisdictions and stakeholders.

The following organizations will be asked to comment on the draft plan:

Planning Agencies

- Ann Arbor Township Planning Commission
- Barton Hills Village Long-Range Planning Committee
- Pittsfield Township Planning Commission
- Scio Township Planning Commission
- Lodi Township Planning Commission
- Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners
- Southeast Michigan Council of Governments

Public Utilities

- DTE Energy Services (electricity and gas)
- Norfolk-Southern Railroad

Other Government Entities

- Ann Arbor Transportation Authority
- University of Michigan (non-mandated)
- Ann Arbor Public Schools/Board of Education (non-mandated)

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Attachment: 12/20/12 Draft Master Plan Amendment: South State Street Corridor Plan

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